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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert [] This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/03813 which has an International filing date of June 13, 2000, which designated the United States of America. []

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4: Line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 3"
to --claim 1 or 2--

Claim 5: Line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 4"
to --claim 1 or 2--